

SECOND SUNDAY *in Lent*



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PRELUDE

Praise You, Father/Jesus, Name Above All Names
arr. Tom Keene
Brian Ward, Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Hunter and Libby Piotrowski

CHORAL INTROIT

To You, O Lord (Psalm 25)

Brian Ward

Children's Choir, Brian Ward, Director

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. I trust in you, my God.
Do not let me be disgraced or let my enemies rejoice in my defeat.
Show me the path where I should walk, O Lord.
Point out the right road for me to follow.
Lead me by your truth, for you are the God who saves me.
All day long, I put my hope in you.
You're the God who saves me.
I put my hope in you.
For you are good and do what is right.
You show me the proper plan for my life.
You lead us with your unfailing love and faithfulness.
You help those who've gone astray and teach us your way.
To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. I trust in you, my God.
We put our hope in you.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 22

You who fear the Lord, praise him!

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;

and all the families of the nations shall worship him.

For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

Future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it! Amen.

* OPENING HYMN 219

I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

written by Moira Laidlaw

Merciful God, Jesus revealed the great depth of your love in his determination to defeat evil even when this meant giving up his own life.

Forgive us, O God, when we allow the power of evil to flourish because we fear that taking up one's cross would be just too costly an exercise.

Gracious and loving God, forgive our lack of trust in you;

have mercy on us and forgive us.

Help us when we hesitate, and strengthen us when we are weak.

**Breathe your Spirit afresh into our hearts and minds—our lives—
so that we have the courage to follow Jesus wherever he takes us.**

Amen.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Faith was reckoned as righteousness . . . to us who believe in the One who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death because of our sins and was raised for the sake of our righteousness. (Romans 4:20-25)

Hear and believe these words about God's amazing grace,
grace experienced through Jesus' sacrificial love,
as forgiveness of sins. Amen.

Thanks be to God!

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you.

And also with you.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Lead Me, Lord
Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in your righteousness;
make Thy way plain before my face.
For it is Thou, Lord, only that makest me dwell in safety.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading

New Testament Reading

* Gospel Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Steve Paska, Reader
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:27-38

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Jeff Hunter

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

What a Beautiful Name
Ben Fielding, Brooke Ligertwood
2016 Hillsong Music Publishing Australia (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)
Led by Emma Hunter, Kristen Hunter, Anders Johnson,
Sunwoo Lee, Brian Ward, and Ryan Wendt

MESSAGE

Libby Piotrowski

SUNG PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ben Kilgore, David Gungor, Evan Wickham,
Ian Cron, John Arndt
2015 Brownie Hawkeye Music (Admin. by Integrity Music)
Integrity's Praise! Music (Admin. by Integrity Music)
Evan Wickham Music (Admin. by Moon & Musky Music)

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Generosity

The Trustees will come around at this time to receive physical offerings.
Giving online at any time is also an option at www.npcovenant.org/give.

Offertory

Wondrous Love (226)
arr. Ellen Jane Lorenz
Chancel Handbell Choir, Linnea Olfelt, Director

* Doxology 48

* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING HYMN 348

Take the World, but Give Me Jesus
All sing verses 1, 2, and 4; Choir only on verse 3

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

At the Name of Jesus (268)
Michael Burkhardt
Sunwoo Lee, Organ

** Please rise, in body or in spirit.*

If you have prayer requests to be shared confidentially with the pastors, there is a prayer box located in the narthex, as well as slips of paper and a pen in the box's drawer for your use.

I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

219

In unison

1 I will sing the won-drous sto - ry of the Christ who died for me,
 2 I was lost, but Je - sus found me, found the sheep that went a-stray,
 3 I was bruised, but Je - sus healed me, faint was I from man-y a fall;
 4 Days of dark - ness still come o'er me, sor - row's paths I oft - en tread,

how he left his home in glo - ry for the cross of Cal - va - ry.
 threw his lov - ing arms a - round me, drew me back in - to the way.
 sight was gone, and fears pos - sessed me, but he freed me from them all.
 but the Sav - ior still is with me, by his hand I'm safe - ly led.

Refrain

Yes, I'll sing the won-drous sto - ry of the Christ who died for me,

sing it with the saints in glo - ry, gath - ered by the crys - tal sea.

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HYFRYDOL

An alternate harmonization can be found at 350, 374, 267, 359.

What a Beautiful Name

Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood



You were the word at the begin - ning: one with God, the Lord Most



High. Your hid-den glori - y in cre-a - tion now re - vealed in You, our



Christ. What a beau-ti-ful name it is, what a beau-ti-ful name it is the name of Je -



sus Christ, my King What a beau-ti-ful name it is, no-thing com-pares to this.



What a beau-ti-ful name it is, the name of Je - sus.



You didn't want hea-ven with-out us, so Je-sus You brought hea-ven down.



My sin was great, Your love was greater. What could se - par - ate us



now? What a won-der-ful name it is, what a won-der-ful name it is, the name of Je -
 What a pow-er-ful name it is, what a pow-er-ful name it is, the name of Je -



- sus Christ, my King. What a wonderful name it is. No-thing com-pares to this.
 - sus Christ, my King. What a pow-er-ful name it is. No-thing com-pares to this.



What a won-der-ful name it is, the name of Je - sus, what a won-der-ful name it is,
 What a pow-er-ful name it is, the name of Je - sus, what a pow-er-ful name it is,



the name of Je - sus.
 the name of Je - sus.



Death could not hold You, the veil tore be-fore You. You si-lenced the boast of sin and grave.
 You have no ri - val. You have no e - qual. Now and for - e - ver, God You reign.



The hea-vens are roar - ing, the praise of Your glo - ry, for You are raised to life a - gain.
 Yours is the King - dom. Yours is the glo - ry. Yours is the name a - bove all names.



What a pow-er-ful name it is, the name of Je - sus.

Prayers of the People

The Brilliance

A



You hear us call - ing, You hear us call - ing, Ab - ba, Fa - ther.

B



Lord, have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Lord have



mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy.

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Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 48

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him all crea-tures

here be-low; praise him a-bove ye heav'n-ly host;

praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

Yupik: *Nanrau mali Agayutvut, Nanrarlitgu pilimahriit
Nanrarlitgu qilagmeInguut, Aata, qetunraq, Anerneqllu.*

Translation by Lucy Daniels and Wassilie Mute

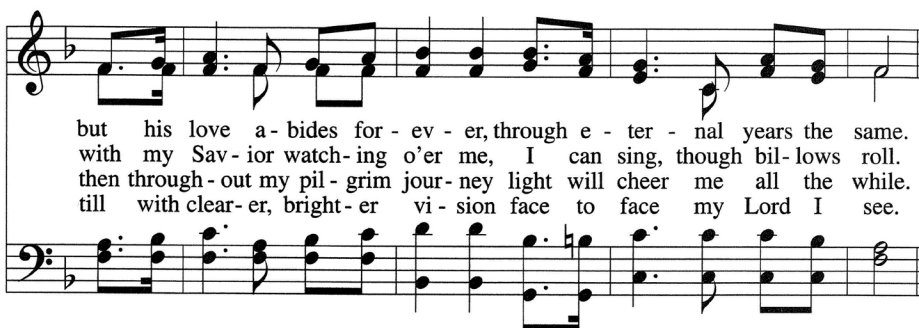
Spanish: *A Dios el Padre celestial, al Hijo nuestro Redentor,
y al eternal Consolador, uni dos todos alabad.*

Lingala: *E Njambe apesi bato nse, mpo mingi na Yosanjola,
Na banje mpe tosambel, tata, Mwana, Molimo mpe.*

348 Take the World, but Give Me Jesus

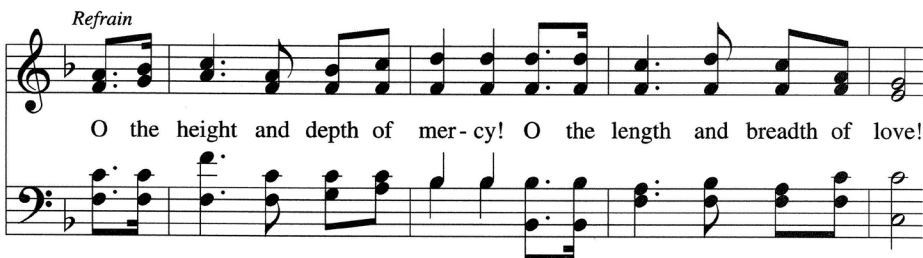


1 Take the world, but give me Je-sus— all its joys are but a name;
 2 Take the world, but give me Je-sus—sweet-est com-fort of my soul;
 3 Take the world, but give me Je-sus— let me view his con-stant smile;
 4 Take the world, but give me Je-sus— in his cross my trust shall be;



but his love a-bides for-ev-er, through e-ter-nal years the same.
 with my Sav-ior watch-ing o'er me, I can sing, though bil-lows roll.
 then through-out my pil-grim jour-ney light will cheer me all the while.
 till with clear-er, bright-er vi-sion face to face my Lord I see.

Refrain



O the height and depth of mer-cy! O the length and breadth of love!



O the full-ness of re-demp-tion, pledge of end-less life a-bove!

Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!

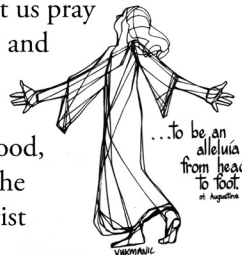
We're glad you're here.

For your prayers this week:

- **those being displaced** by the closing of the shelter at North Park Village
- **Katie and Julio Isaza**, Covenant missionaries, mourning the tragic passing of Katie's parents, Karen and Curt O'Connor, in a multi-vehicle crash on February 16
- Sarah Hillabrant's dad, **Bob Hillabrant**, who fell last week and injured his arm
- Rosemary Slaughter's friend **Barbara Towes**, who may need to have one of her feet amputated
- Janice Finney's brother-in-law, **Tim Rohr**, anticipating a bone marrow transplant on March 18
- **Kari Lindholm-Johnson**, undergoing chemo treatments

Neighborhood Prayer in 2024

For the month of February, let us pray with our hearts for the people and places we encounter. Further, let us pray for the hearts of those living in our neighborhood, that they will come to know the peace and hope that only Christ can bring.



Psalm 86:11

Childcare is available in the toddler room (lower level, off the hallway south of the parlors) for the full duration of the worship service for any wee ones ages 1 through 5 needing a place to wiggle and play. We always happily welcome children in the service but recognize that sometimes parents need a break so they can focus on worship.

Hey, college students! Every Sunday after church, lunch is available for you in the large conference room (lower level, down the hall from the parlors). Let us know if you want to come for some non-cafeteria food and community! Reach out to Linnea Olfelt at 773-397-3468 or lmolfelt@gmail.com with questions or to let her know you want to come!

Update on Donations for Migrants: Thank you to all who have contributed clothing and other items to the many new neighbors in our community! We have been asked to hold off on donating any more clothing at this time. Once we know more about what is needed, we will share that information with you.

The North Park Readers have chosen *The Summer Book* by Tove Jansson for our February book club selection. The book distills the essence of the summer, with its sunlight and storms, into 22 vignettes. We will meet on Tuesday, February 27, at 7 pm at the home of Lynn Pearson, 5328 N. Spaulding. If you have any questions, please contact Helen Arkema at helen.arkema@gmail.com.

Do you want to support the Friendship Center while enjoying a slice (or two) of vegan pizza? Crust Fund Pizza will provide pizza at a pop-up location on Monday, February 26. Stop by Half Acre Brewery (2050 W. Balmoral, Chicago) between 5 and 9 pm to give it a try. All proceeds from the event will go to the Friendship Center and its ongoing work to feed our hungry neighbors.

You are invited to honor or memorialize a loved one, either with a flowering plant or a monetary gift. This year's donations will be given to our refugee family fund. Whether you choose one option or both, your name/s will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, March 31. The deadline to [submit this form](#) is Thursday, February 29. A printable form is also included.

All are invited to join us on Sunday, March 17, for a Corned Beef and Cabbage Lunch following the 10:30 am worship service. Come for a time of fellowship and great food! All are welcome, but RSVPs are absolutely necessary. [Please RSVP using this link](#) or by contacting the church office by Monday, March 11, to reserve your spot!

The Friendship Center is looking for more volunteers! The deeper the pool of people willing and available to help, the easier it is to fill the volunteer holes and keep things running smoothly! If you are interested in and able to help at The Friendship Center, [please fill out this form](#). Once your application is approved, you can simply log in to see when a volunteer is needed and what the tasks would be.

Bible Journaling each Sunday: Join Kristen Hunter to journal through the Bible on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am in the art room (lower level just south of the coffee lounge). Bring a Bible and journal, or make a journal when you arrive. Art supplies will be provided.

Volunteers are needed on an ongoing basis for childcare and hospitality! If you're able to help out in the toddler room or by serving refreshments after Sunday worship, please sign up for a Sunday or two [using this form](#).

Today is KICY 100% Sunday!
This is the Sunday when we ask each person to put \$1 into a retiring offering after the service, and 100% of it is sent to KICY, the Covenant radio station in Alaska. Please consider contributing \$1!

If you would rather give online, you may do so at www.npcovenant.org/give, selecting Special Gifts from the drop-down menu and typing "KICY 100%" into the memo field. Thank you!



2024 Easter Memorials/Honoraria

You are invited to honor or memorialize a loved one, either with a flowering plant or a monetary gift. This year's donations will be given to our Refugee Family Fund. Whether you choose one option or both, your name/s will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, March 31. *The deadline to submit this form is Thursday, February 29.*



☐ I/We would like to order _____ Easter plant/s at \$22/plant.

☐ I/We would like to make a donation to support refugee families.

☐ Check ☐ Cash ☐ Online

Amount paid: \$ _____

Please note: If paying online for a plant and making a donation, separate transactions must be done for each purpose, selecting Flowers and/or Refugee Family Fund from the drop-down menu.

A form must be submitted to the office, regardless of payment method.

Given in memory of _____

Given in honor of _____

Your name/s, as you would like it/them listed in the bulletin:

Phone

Email

Please place this form and your payment (if not paying online) in the offering plate or bring them to the church office. Thank you!

The Church Calendar This Week

The calendar is available online at www.npcovenant.org/calendar and is updated as changes occur.

Monday, February 26

9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
10:30 am	Staff Meeting (Staff Conference Room)
4 pm	Tutoring (Parlors)
4:20 pm	George Soccer Practice (Gym)
6:30 pm	Geezerball (Gym)
7:30 pm	Centering Prayer (Staff Conference Room)

Tuesday, February 27

8 am	Men's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
4 pm	George Soccer Practice (Gym)
4:30 pm	Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6 pm	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, February 28

10 am	Women's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
4 pm	George Soccer Practice (Gym)
6 pm	Gather Dinner (Parlors)
6:30 pm	Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Side Balcony, Sanctuary)
	Contemporary Music Rehearsal (Choir Room)
7 pm	Middle-school Youth Group (Youth Room near the Gym)
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
7:30 pm	Adult Bible Study (Art Room)

Thursday, February 29

4:30 pm	Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	George Soccer Practice (Gym)

Friday, March 1

1 pm	Prayer Gathering (North Room)
4:30 pm	George Soccer Practice (Gym)

Saturday, March 2

8 am	Geezerball (Gym)
10:30 am	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

Sunday, March 3 - The Third Sunday in Lent

9 am	Confirmation (Large Conference Room)
9:15 am	Sunday School for Preschool - 6th Grade (Junior Chapel)
	Adult Formation (Parlors)
	Bible Journaling (Art Room)
10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
12 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal (Junior Chapel)
6 pm	Lenten Worship Service (South Chapel)
7 pm	High-school Youth Group (The Attic Youth Room)
	AA Meeting (Parlors)

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Welcome Statement

We welcome all people to begin or deepen their relationship with Christ through worship and study. We invite all believers to fully participate in the life and ministry of our church as members, leaders, and lay staff. We celebrate the gifts and presence of diverse Christians among us—whether those differences be race, ethnicity, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, or socioeconomic status. We are blessed by our diversity and are unified in Christ.

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